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FOR UNDERSECRETARY SISCO AND ATHERTON FROM PICKERING

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SUBJECT: KING'S STATEMENT ON HAWK ISSUE

1. TALKED WITH KING AUGUST 10 ABOUT REFTEL.
REFTEL RAISES ONE OF THE ISSUES I WAS PAREPARING TO
DISCUSS WITH HIM ON MY OWN. IN ADDITION CHANCE MEETING
AT PALACE BEFORE MY TALK WITH JORDANAIN MILATT WASHINGTON
INDICATED HIS OWN ADVISORS WERE ALSO COUNSELLING A REST
PERIOD IN PRESS STATEMENTS FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

2. KING WAS RECEPTIVE TO POINTS WHICH I MADE AND
AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA FOR A REST PERIOD
TO TAKE PLACE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. HE INDICATED
HE HAS NO PLANS TO SEE ANYONE OF THE PRESS WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF NEWSWEEKS DE BORCHGRAVE. HE IS NOW
ENOUGH AWARE OF OUR SENSITIVITIES AND OF HIS OWN
STAFF TO HANDLE ANY DICUSSION WITH CARE AND
SENSITIVITY.

3. I AM EXPECTED AT AIRPORT IN FIFTEEN MINUTES TO
GREET MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVARRIA SO WILL SEND
DETAILS OF OUR CONVERSATION BY SEPTTEL. HOWEVER KING
IS CLEARLY WITH US ON POINTS WHICH YOU MADE AND
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I WILL BE SEEING RIFAI SHORTLY TO TRY TO INSURE THAT

WE HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH HIM.
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